

News from Ukraine Bulletin 49 (5 June 2023)

A Digest of News from Ukrainian Sources

In this week's bulletin – highlights:

In this week's bulletin: [Russian authorities](#) are trying to force residents in occupied areas of Ukraine to accept Russian citizenship in time for fraudulent parliamentary 'elections'. They threaten to withdraw free medication, [cut off electricity](#), [confiscate property](#) and force eviction.

Plus: [Russia sentences](#) four Crimean Tatar civic activists to a total of 53 years prison and a [well-known human rights defender](#) to 14 years, for helping victims of repression.

News from the territories occupied by Russia:

[Russian citizenship or your life. How Moscow prepares for fake elections in occupied parts of Ukraine](#) (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, June 2nd)

['Russian soldiers stopped the car with bread, threw the bread out and ran over it with their car. So that people would have nothing to eat'](#) (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, June 2nd)

[Russians find new methods for forced passportization in Kherson Oblast](#) (Ukrainska Pravda, June 2nd)

[Russians seize property from Crimean residents without Russian passports](#) (Ukrainska Pravda, June 2nd)

[New charges concocted to extend sentence of 64-year-old Oleh Prykhodko, imprisoned for opposing Russia's occupation of Crimea](#) (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, June 2nd)

[Nine months in a juvenile shelter. Musician David's story about deportation to Russia](#) (Commons (Spil'ne), 1 June)

[Russia sentences four Crimean Tatar civic activists to 53 years for 'dissident views'](#) (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, June 1st)

["Nazis" and "sex trafficking": How Russians lie to justify abduction of Ukrainian children](#) (Ukrainska Pravda, June 1st)

[Over 2,000 children forcibly taken from Ukrainian temporarily occupied territories to Belarus](#) (Ukrainska Pravda, June 1st)

[Russians abduct and doubtless torture Ukrainian journalist and her husband in occupied Melitopol](#) (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, May 31st)

[Russia sentences human rights defender to 14 years for helping political prisoners seek justice from ECHR](#) (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, May 30th)

[Crimean Tatar human rights defender charged with 'discrediting' the Russian invaders on Facebook](#) (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, May 30th)

[Russia imposes jail or fines for correct maps of Ukraine claiming they 'violate its territorial integrity'](#) (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, May 29th)

[Sharp increase in persecution for pro-Ukrainian position in Russian-occupied Crimea](#) (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, May 29th)

News from Ukraine – general:

[European electoral management bodies and experts call for support to Ukraine over voting rights for war-displaced voters in post-war elections](#) (Opora, June 2nd)

[Common Home. Ukrainian urban forum 2023 in Vinnytsia](#) (Cedos, 1 June)

War-related news from Russia:

[Who are the far-right Russian groups fighting on Ukraine's side?](#) (Open Democracy, May 30th)

Analysis and comment:

[Putin targets Ukrainian civilians because he could in Syria](#) (Al Jazeera, May 19th)

[Syria, Ukraine and bonding over activism](#) (Syrian Untold, August 2022)

[Can Lula's plan bring peace to Ukraine?](#) (Green Left, June 2nd)

[A short reminder that Russia is imperialist](#) (Ilya Matveev on Facebook, May 25th)

Research of human rights abuses:

['Children, I won't be able to teach the lesson because the war has started'](#) (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, May 31st)

['I knew people who died in the basements of Borodianka...'](#) (Tribunal for Putin, June 1st)

['My brother and enfeebled mother were left in the middle of the street', stories from Izium](#) (Tribunal for Putin, May 29th)

International solidarity:

[Another Ukraine is Possible: help workers fight for a just reconstruction](#) (Ukraine Solidarity Campaign)

[Statement on Ukraine following UCU Congress 2023](#) (UCU activists, June 1st)

[Solidarity with Ukraine: a round-up of recent initiatives](#) (Labour Hub, June 1st)

[An open letter to UCU from SSEES staff](#) (East of Ethnia, May 31st)

[From Lisbon to Kryvyi Rih: a conversation with Yuri Samoilov about labour solidarity](#) (Commons (Spil'ne), 30 May)

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